

CHAPTER 11
STATE OF IOWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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283—11.1(261) A state-supported and administered scholarship program.

11.1(1) *Application requirements.* All Iowa high school graduates who rank in the upper 15 percent of their class at the end of their junior year and who take a national test, as designated by the commission, during the period specified by the commission are eligible to apply for state of Iowa scholar recognition awards.

11.1(2) *Eligibility for scholarship.* An applicant for a state of Iowa scholarship must meet the following initial requirements:

a. Be a resident of Iowa according to rule 681—1.4(262), established by the board of regents and adopted by the commission.

b. Release test scores, rank in class, and curriculum information to the commission on a form specified by the commission, with date of receipt by the commission as stated in the application instructions. In the case of an applicant who has earned a general equivalency diploma, class rank will be waived and academic potential will be judged on the basis of test scores alone.

11.1(3) *Eligibility for monetary scholarship.* Having qualified academically as a state of Iowa scholar, an applicant must meet the following requirements to receive a monetary award.

a. Complete requirements for the high school diploma or its equivalent by the end of the summer preceding entrance into college.

b. Plan to enroll as a full-time freshman student at an approved college, university, or other post-secondary institution in Iowa. Applicants who have fulfilled requirements for the freshman year of college, either by advanced placement examination or by entry into college prior to receipt of a high school diploma, will be considered for awards on an individual basis. The same is true of a student who plans an alternative education program (e.g., study abroad, exchange program, internship program) which may delay the regular academic period.

c. A student who is in default on a Stafford Loan, SLS Loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for assistance under the state of Iowa scholarship program. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in an appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 5.

d. A recipient may request a leave of absence for a maximum of one calendar year if illness, financial circumstances, or other reasons beyond the recipient's control prevent enrollment or force withdrawal from college.

11.1(4) *Criteria for awards.* Academic rank of an applicant is determined by two factors: percentile rank in high school class and scores on the designated standard national test will be weighed equally to produce an academic index score. The commission determines the minimum academic index score, based on a descending ranking of the applicants. Approximately 2,000 students will be designated as scholars.

11.1(5) *Monetary awards.*

a. Awards are prorated on a quarterly or semester basis and are paid directly to the institution on the student's behalf after the recipient's attendance has been certified.

b. The award will be applied to the scholar's college expenses, which include tuition and mandatory fees, room and board, and a uniform allowance established by the commission for other college-related costs.

c. If a recipient is dismissed or withdraws from college before completion of the term, the award, or portion thereof, shall be refunded to the state of Iowa in conformity with the institution's accepted policy of refunds.

d. A scholarship may be transferred from one participating institution to another. The appropriate institutions shall notify the commission of the change.

11.1(6) *Eligible institutions.* The following categories of Iowa postsecondary institutions are eligible to participate in the state of Iowa scholarship program.

a. Institutions holding accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

b. State-supported area community colleges and vocational-technical schools accredited by the state department of education.

c. Accredited schools of professional nursing.

d. Institutions which, in the absence of one of the above accreditations, are registered as nonprofit educational institutions with the corporations division of the secretary of state and are eligible for participation in the Pell Grant Program or have fulfilled the requirements for Iowa tuition grant participation set forth in Iowa Code section 261.9(5), paragraphs “b” and “c.”

11.1(7) *Renewal of state scholarship.* Rescinded IAB 2/15/95, effective 3/22/95.

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